

SLANG WORDS USED BY GAMERS ON MOBILE LEGEND BANG BANG ONLINE GAME

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Abatract

This research discusses slang words used by gamers on Mobile Legend Bang Bang online game. The purpose of this research is to find out the word classes and the meaning of slang used by gamers on Mobile Legend Bang Bang. This research used theory form Elizabeth Claire(1998) that state slang is a term that is used by people in a social situation where they feel comfortable with their friends. The research design in this study used descriptive qualitative to describe slang words that were found and give an example of the use of these slang words in a dialouge. The data of this research are slang words were taken from an online game called Mobile Legend Bang Bang published by Shanghai Moonton Technology and first released in 2016. In this study, the researcher found 57 slang words and divided into 30 nouns, 3 verbs, 14 adjectives, and 10 Abbreviations and use Oxford dictionary to help explain the data that has been found. The researcher draw conclusion that there is always a new slang used by gamers in Mobile Legend. Usually new slang will appear when there is a new season.

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INTRODUCTION

Holmes (1992, p. 1) says that "sociolinguists is study the relationship between language and society. They identify the social functions of language and the ways it is used to convey social meaning. They also explain why people speak differently in different social context."

According to Holmes (2013, p. 6), "Language variety is a form that differs from other forms of the language systematically. Variety is a Sociolinguistics term referring to language in context. A variety is a set of linguistics form used under specific social circumstances, with a distinctive social distribution. Variety is therefore a broad term which includes different accents, different linguistic styles, different dialects, and even different languages which contrast each other for social reason."

A majority language is the language that is normally spoken by a big of the populace in an area or in a country. In a multilingual society, the majority language is mostly thought of the high-status language. It is also called the dominant language or killer language, different from minority languages. While, A minority language is a language that's normally spoken by

a minority of the populace in a region. People like this are usually called linguistic minorities or language minorities.

Slang is created and used by a certain community as a confidential informal English. Slang is held by some community groups as a secret language that are not owned by other groups. Secret language means that usually slang can not be understood by people who are not in the group. According to Claire (1998, p. 15), “slang is a term that is used by people in a social situation where they feel comfortable with their friends. Slang is usually used in non-formal situations. It can make a conversation becomes more intimate.”

According to Wardhaugh (2006, p. 52) “register is another complicating factor in study of language varieties. Register are set of language items associated with discrete occupation or social groups.” Some profession, such as doctor, pilot, manager, musician, sales, and journalist used different registers.

Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) is a multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) mobile game developed and published by Shanghai Moonton Technology in 2016. There are many games that are similar to Mobile Legend, one of them is Arena of Valor (AOV), Legend of Ace, Heroes Evolved, MARVEL Super War, etc. The researcher takes data from the Mobile Legend Bang Bang because the researcher herself is a player of the game. Mobile Legend players more often called the game as ML, which stands for Mobile Legend itself. This Legend Mobile game can be downloaded through Play Store and App Store. The number of Mobile Legend downloaders has now reached more than twenty million.

Mobile Legend is a game that is designed for mobile phones and can only be played online. This game is played by 10 players with 5 players per team. Five people on each team can be chosen at random, or you can also invite friends on the friend list to play together. Furthermore, the players fight on a battlefield called the Land of Dawn. These two teams fight each other to achieve victory. A team will achieve victory if they succeed in destroying the opposing team's base.

RESEARCH METHOD

The researcher used a descriptive qualitative approach for this research. In this research, the researcher observed Mobile Legend players directly by playing with them. The researcher describe slang words that were found and give an example of the use of these slang words in a dialogue. The researcher tries to analyze all the data obtained as well as possible. The data in this study are from words that are often spoken by gamers in Mobile Legend which means that it is in the form of words, not numbers.

The data of this research are slang words were taken from an online game called Mobile Legend Bang Bang published by Shanghai Moonton Technology and first released in 2016. The researcher gets the data source by playing the online game by herself. Based on this personal experience the researcher finds so many slang words in the game.

FINDING

The researcher found 57 slang words in the game Mobile Legend and will be divided into three classes, that is nouns, verbs, adjectives, and word slang in abbreviations. There are 30 slang words in noun class (i.e. Arrival, Assassin, Base, Build, Core, Credit score, Creep, Damage, Emblems, Fighter, Flameshot, Fragments, Hook, Hyper carry, Mage, Map hack, Marksman, Melee, Offlane, Petrify, Purify, Range, Safelane, Smurf, Spells, Starlight, Support, Tank, Tier, and Ultimate.), 3 slang words in verb class(i.e. Blink, Draft pick, and Troll), 14 slang words in adjective class(i.e. Blue buff, Enemy rampage, First blood, Killing spree, Executed, Lifesteal, Mega kill, Mosnter kill, Red buff, Shutdown, Speed mode, Speel vamp, Stun, and Unstoppable.), and 10 in abbreviation(i.e AoE, CC, BP, DC, IGN, KDA, MCL, META, MMR, and WR). All the data above is explained using Oxford dictionary.

No.	Word Class	Slang Word
1.	Noun	30
2.	Verb	3
3.	Adjective	14
4.	Abbreviation	10
5.	Total	57

DISCUSSION

1. Slang Words in Noun Class

From 57 slang words that researchers found, there are 30 slang words in noun class. These slang words will be explained below with examples in a dialouge.

1.1 Credit Score

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialog is a private message between players A and B.

Player A: “C’mom, we play MCL.”

Plyaer B “Sorry, my credit score is too low, I can’t play in MCL”

In Oxford dictionary the meaning of credit is the ability of customer to obtain goods or services before payment, based on the trust that payment will be made in the future, and score is an account or reckoning originally kept by making marks on a tally

And the meaning of credit score in Mobile Legend is a point or value that is owned by each player and has a limit. The most credit score a player can get is 110. And if the credit score we have is under 90 then we can't play in ranked mode.

1.2 Emblems

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialogue takes place during a battle.

Player A: *"I used the wrong emblem. I didn't see it before, sorry."*

Player B: *"It's Okay."*

In Oxford dictionary the meaning of emblem is a heraldic device or symbolic object as a distinctive badge of nation, organization, or family.

Emblems in Mobile Legend means a feature that serves to add status or attribute points to a hero in battle. So, the higher the level of an emblem, the greater the attribute points obtained. The maximum level of each emblems is 60. There are 9 types of emblems, namely, physical, magical, tank, jungle, assassin, mage, marksman, fighter, and support.

2. Slang Words in Verb Class

From 57 slang words that researchers found, there are 3 slang words in verb class. These slang words will be explained below with examples in a dialouge.

2.1 Blink

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialogue takes place during a battle.

Player A: *"I didn't know that this new hero can blink "*

Player B: *"That suprised me too."*

In Oxford dictionary the meaning of blink is shut and open the eyes quickly.

While, in Mobile Legend blink is when you move quickly but not too far. This skill is only owned by a few heroes. Blink effect can be obtained when we use a battle spell called flicker.

2.2 Draft Pick

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialog occurs while choosing a hero.

Player A: *"This is my first time doing draft pick."*

Player B: “*Glad to hear that.*”

In Oxford dictionary the meaning of draft is a preliminary version of a piece of writing, and the meaning of pick is an act or the right of selecting something from a number of alternative.

While, in Mobile Legend draft pick is a mode that exists when we are in Epic to Mythic Glory. In this draft pick mode we can ban a hero so that it cannot be used in a match. In Epic we can ban two heroes on our team or the opposing team, while on the Legend above we can ban three heroes. Also in this mode we cannot use the same hero as the opposing hero, which means that there are ten different heroes used by our team and the enemy team.

3. Slang Words in Adjective Class

From 57 slang words that researchers found, there are 14 slang words in noun class. All of these slang words will be explained below with examples

3.1 Blue Buff

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialogue takes place during a battle.

Player A: “*I’ll take the blue buff.*”

Player B: “*Okay.*”

In Oxford dictionary the meaning of blue is a colour intermediate between green and violet, as of the sky or sea on a sunny day. And the meaning of buff is a yellowish-beige colour.

While, in Mobile Legend buff itself is short for Binary Utilized Function Factor to increase the status or level to be better than before. There are two buffs in ML namely blue buff and red buff. So the blue buff here is to increase the use of mana and energy for a hero who has killed him. This buff is suitable for heroes who have extravagant mana and energy. Usually, this buff is used for heroes in the mid lane.

3.2 Enemy Rampage

This slang is a pop up that will appear on the screen.

In Oxford dictionary the meaning of enemy is a person who is actively opposed or hostile to someone or something, and the meaning of rampage is move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner.

While, in Mobile Legend enemy rampage is a term when one of the enemy heroes kills 4 of our team's heroes without dying. Enemy rampage is similar to mega kill, but this

term especially given to opponent. This slang is a pop up that will appear on the screen when the enemy gets their fourth kill.

4. Slang Words in Abbreviation

From 57 slang words that researchers found, there are 10 slang words in noun class. All of these slang words will be explained below with examples

4.1 BP

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialog is a private message between players A and B.

Player A: *"I have enough BP to buy some hero, but I don't know which one I should buy."*

Player B: *"Why don't you just buy Ling? I think Ling is OP right now."*

BP is short for Battle Point which is the currency in Mobile Legend. An example is to buy a hero.

4.2 META

The dialog below is an example of context in the use of slang:

This dialog is a private message between players A and B.

Player A: *"Hyper Carry is currently being META."*

Player B: *"I know, I often see youtubers using hyper carry."*

META is short for "Most Effective Tactics Available" which means the most effective tactic in order to win a match. Meta itself often changes along with the number of the latest updates. Examples of meta that is currently often used is the hyper carry meta.

CONCLUSION

At this time, the use of the slang word is familiar to gamers when they play games, especially on Mobile Legend Bang Bang. Based on the analysis in chapter IV, it can be concluded that the researcher found 57 slang words in the game Mobile Legend and will be divided into three classes, that is nouns, verbs, adjectives, and word slang in abbreviations. There are 30 slang words in noun class, 3 slang words in verb class, 14 slang words in adjective class, and 10 in abbreviation. The researcher use online Oxford dictionary to help explain the data that has been found. The slang words that researchers found above are very important for gamers who will play Mobile Legend Bang Bang for the first time as a guide. Over time, there is always a new slang used by gamers in Mobile Legend. Usually new slang will appear when there is a new season.

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